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(*b*) whether representations have been received to lower the rate; if so, from whom;

(*c*) whether the opinion of the Director of Agriculture was obtained in the matter; and

(*d*) whether final orders have been passed thereon and if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) *Pykara system.*—One anna per unit.

Mettur system.—Rates have not yet been settled. It is expected that they will not be higher than those in force in the Pykara system.

(*b*) Yes. From the District Board of Coimbatore and the District Agricultural Association, Coimbatore.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question whether it is economically possible to reduce the rates is under the examination of the Chief Engineer for Electricity.

Re-examination of the scheme for the electrification of Kodumudi, Coimbatore district.

* 693 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the re-examination of the question of electrification of the town of Kodumudi in Coimbatore district and carrying out another survey, referred to in answer to question No. 396, dated the 1st November 1935, are in progress and when they are likely to be completed; and

(*b*) what the minimum percentage of profit required to be realized under this scheme is?

A.—(*a*) The Chief Engineer for Electricity reports that a fresh study of the load conditions since made has confirmed the previous report that the scheme will not be remunerative and that it is not proposed to proceed with the electrification of the town.

(*b*) Extensions to the Pykara Distribution System are generally undertaken only in cases where the total additional investment does not exceed eight times the estimated average annual revenue.

Wells in North Arcot district suitable for electrical pumping.

* 694 *Q.*—Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells in each of the taluks of the North Arcot district where electrical pumping can be introduced;

(*b*) which the taluk is which has the largest number of wells per square mile suitable for electrical pumping;

(*c*) in what taluks the Government are laying the transmission lines according to the programme already settled; and

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(*d*) within what period the Government propose to complete the programme of agricultural pumping in the district?

A.—(*a*) The information is furnished in the statement [a] annexed.

(*b*) Investigation regarding wells suitable for electrical pumping in the district has not yet been made.

(*c*) The Electricity department expects to complete in 1937 the work of laying transmission lines and give supply of power in Tiruppattur, Gudiyattam, Vellore and Walajapet taluks and in 1938 in the taluks of Chengam, Tiruvannamalai, Polur and Arni.

(*d*) No extensive rural electrification programme has been prepared. In areas where Government will distribute energy direct to the consumers, promising areas will be selected as soon as supply becomes available, and such areas will be surveyed and developed.

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know whether it will not be possible on the part of the Government to prepare a scheme or rather a programme before the supply of energy becomes available? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" I think the answer covers that idea."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" In view of the fact that there are a large number of wells in the North Arcot district, will the Government make up their minds speedily to undertake the supply of energy to rural areas? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" Haste is waste, they say, and I think the hon. Member will certainly expect the Government to take sufficient time to come to a correct decision."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know what exactly the Government means by haste? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" Exactly the same thing which the hon. Member is meaning by the word. "

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know whether the Hon. Member knows what I mean by it? "

Police

Assault by soldiers on pedestrians near the Munro Statue, Madras.

* 695 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 521-A regarding the attack by the soldiers on T. N. Sundararaman and five others—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the complaint has been since completed; if so, what the result of the same is; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 439 infra.